(c) Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) has got a marketing wing which raises the funds through T.V. and sponsorship. Olympic Association of India, the apex body for holding the Games, is expected to raise about USD 200/- million through OCA marketing wing in 2006 Asian Games.

Promotion of Sports in NER

1548. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a task report is being prepared for improvement of sports and youth welfare in the North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the target set and by which date the report is expected to be submitted;

(c) the implementation status of the proposal for creation of North-East Sports Academy; and

(d) the specific schemes, if any, taken up for promotion of adventure sports activities in the Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Task Force for formulating a composite plan of action for the development and promotion of Sports & Youth Affairs in the North-Eastern Region including Sikkim was constituted on 6th March, 2000. Its first meeting was held on 19th April, 2000 wherein a decision was taken to constitute two sub-groups *viz.* Infrastructure and Finance Groups to assist the Task Force in the drawal of the Action Plan. On receipt of the reports of these aforesaid groups, the Task Force will prepare a final report for which the deadline 31st August, 2000.

(c) This was also one of the agenda items of the 1st Meeting of the Task Force which was held on 19th April, 2000, In this regard, Government will take a final decision keeping in view the Task Force's recommendation in due course.

(d) No specific scheme has been formulated for the promotion of adventure sports activities especially for the North-Eastern Region.

Unhealthy Practices in Games

1549. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints of corruption and many unhealthy practices prevalent in cricket and other games and sports bodies at State and National levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action taken/proposed to cleanse the sports of rampant corruption and unhealthy practices for healthy growth of sports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) The complaints of malpractices in the game of Cricket have been entrusted to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) by the Government which will enquire into various allegations governing the discipline of Cricket.